EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 29, 2012

To be adopted:

Proposed Change of Major Criteria for the CHASS Neuroscience Major

PRESENT: None

PROPOSED:

Change of Major Criteria:

Students must be in Good Academic Standing at the time the Change of Major Petition is filed
Students must successfully repeat any outstanding Life Science Core course prior to Acceptance into the Major

2nd and 3rd Quarter Freshmen
The following math and science courses must be completed with a grade of C– or better CHEM 1A, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1B, CHEM 1LB MATH 8B or 9A

4th Quarter Freshman and Sophomore (up to 89 earned units)
The following math and science courses must be completed with a grade of C– or better CHEM 1A, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1B, CHEM 1LB, CHEM 1C, CHEM 1LC BIOL 5A, BIOL 5LA, BIOL 5B MATH 8B or MATH 9A, MATH 9B

Junior (90 - 134 earned units)
The following math and science courses must be completed with a grade of C– or better. Grades of D– or higher are acceptable for courses marked with an asterisk (*) CHEM 1A, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1B, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1C, CHEM 1LC BIOL 5A, BIOL 5LA, BIOL 5B, BIOL 5C* MATH 8B or 9A, MATH 9B AND completion of at least one of the following sequences with no grade lower than a C– CHEM 112A, CHEM 112B, CHEM 112C* PHYS 2A, PHYS 2LA, PHYS 2B, PHYS 2LB, PHYS 2C*, PHYS 2LC*

Senior (135 + units)
The following math and science courses must be completed with grade of C– or better. Grades of D– or higher are acceptable for courses marked with an asterisk (*) CHEM 1A, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1B, CHEM 1LA, CHEM 1C, CHEM 1LC BIOL 5A, BIOL 5LA, BIOL 5B, BIOL 5C* MATH 8B or 9A, MATH 9B CHEM 112A, CHEM 112B, CHEM 112C* PHYS 2A, PHYS 2LA, PHYS 2B, PHYS 2LB, PHYS 2C*, PHYS 2LC* PSYC 11* or STAT 40* or STAT 100A* BCH 100* or BCH 110A* CBNS 106
GPA in upper division courses applied to the Neuroscience Major (Tier 1, 2, and 3) must be 2.00 or higher.

JUSTIFICATION:
These change of major criteria were initially developed by the CNAS academic advising office to provide guidelines for students changing to the interdepartmental neuroscience major. The purpose of the criteria was to reduce confusion by students and to ensure that students entering the major were able to complete the major successfully in a timely manner. They were reviewed by the faculty of the interdepartmental neuroscience program and approved by the committee in charge in July 2009. The CNAS academic advisers for the program have been using them ever since with great success. In order to provide the same guidelines to our CHASS students and to facilitate students’ access to the criteria, we propose to add the criteria to the catalog copy for the major, as indicated above.

APPROVALS:
Approved by the Faculty of the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program: July 2009
Approved by the committee in charge of the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program: July 2009
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: 1/11/12
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences: 03/07/2012
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: 5/8/12